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THE URBAN DISTRICT OF ROYTON.

ANNUAL INTERIM REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER

OF HEALTH.

FOR THE YEAR

1940

TO THE

Chairman and Members of the Health Committee

of the

URBAN DISTRICT OF ROYTON.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit for your consideration a further interim Report according to the instructions of the Ministry of Health, in place of the usual Annual Report, on the Health Services of the District.

The work of the Health Department continues to be greatly increased by the additional developments and maintenance of the Civil Defence Services and the many problems associated with evacuation and billeting.

The help of the voluntary lady workers at the Child Welfare Centre is deserving of high praise and my sincere thanks are extended to them for their valuable services.

I am indebted to the Sanitary Inspector for the loyal and efficient services which he continues to give unreservedly especially his work with regard to the Civil Defence Casualty Services.

To the Clerk, the Surveyor, and all other Officials may I offer my sincere thanks for their assistance and kindly co-operation.

I have the honour to remain,

Your obedient servant,

J.W. PICKUP, M.D., D.P.H.,

Acting Medical Officer of Health.

PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF.

Acting Medical Officer of Health -
J.W. Pickup, M.D., Ch.B., D.P.H.,

Sanitary Inspector -
E. Dunsmore, M.R.S.I., M.S.I.A.
(whole-time)

Clerk -
Miss. Irene Booth.

ANNUAL HEALTH REPORT
1940

1 - STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

Area in Acres..... 2,149
Population (Census 1931).....16,689
Registrar-General's Estimated resident population 1940 ..14,470
Number of inhabited houses (Census 1931)..... 4,370
End of 1940 according to the Rate books..... 4,896
Rateable value £81,209
Sum represented by a penny rate £309

(All figures according to Registrar-General)

NOTIFIABLE DISEASE (other than Tuberculosis)during the year 1940.

DISEASES	Total cases at all ages	CASES NOTIFIED YEARS Under 1	1 - 2	2 - 3	3 - 4	4 - 5	5 -10	10 -15	15 -20	20 -35	35 -45	45 -65	65 and over	Total Deaths	Total cases removed to Hospital from Home	Deaths in Hospital of persons belonging to the District
	(a)													(b)	(c)	(d)
Scarlet Fever	22				1	2	12	3	4						9	
Diphtheria (including Membranous Group)	7					1	2	1	2	1					5	
Measles	437	10	32	45	75	69	196	7	1	1	1				8	
Whooping Cough	91	9	15	12	20	14	18	3							2	
Acute Primary Pneumonia	14	1					2			5	1	3	2			
Acute Influenzal Pneumonia																
Cerebro-Spinal Fever	1									1					1	
Dysentery	1										1					
Opthalmia Neonatorum	1	1													1	
Erysipelas	7	1								1	2	2	1		3	
Chicken Pox	34			1	3	3	25		2							
TOTAL	615	22	47	58	99	89	255	14	9	9	5	5	3		29	nil

OPHTHALMIA NEONATORUM

Cases			Vision Unimpaired	Vision Impaired	Total Blindness	DEATHS
Number Notified	At Home	TREATED In Hospital				
1		1	1			

TUBERCULOSIS

New Cases and Mortality during 1940.

Age Periods	NEW CASES				DEATHS			
	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
YEARS 0 - 1								
1 - 5			1					
5 - 10			1					
10 - 15				1				
15 - 20	1		1		2			
20 - 25		3				1		
25 - 35	3					2		
35 - 45	2		1		1			1
45 - 55	3					2		
55 - 65	2	1		1		2		
65 and upwards)	1	1			2			
TOTALS	12	5	4	2	5	7	-	1
	17		6		12		1	

DEATHS

Causes of Death in Royton Urban District during 1940.

Disease	MALES	FEMALES.
Diphtheria		1
Tuberculosis of resp: sys:	4	8
Other forms of tuberculosis		1
Syphilitic diseases	1	
Influenza	3	1
Measles	2	
Cancer of b: cav: & oesoph (m) uterus (f)	2	
Cancer of stomach & duodenum	3	2
Cancer of breast		2
Cancer of all other sites	7	6
Diabetes		1
Intracran: vasc: lesions	8	5
Heart disease	44	34
Other dis: of circ: system	2	3
Bronchitis	19	16
Pneumonia	7	4
Other resp: diseases		1
Ulcer of stomach or duodenum	1	
Appendicitis	3	1
Other digve: diseases	3	6
Nephritis	5	2
Puer: & post-abort: sepsis		1
Other maternal causes		1
Prem: birth	1	
Con: Mal: birth inj: infant: dis:	1	
Suicide	1	
Road Traffic acc:	2	1
Other violent causes	1	2
All other causes	7	10
TOTALS	127	109

INFANTILE DEATHS AND CAUSES (Under one year)

CAUSES OF DEATHS	Under 1 week	1 and under 2 weeks	2 and under 3 weeks	3 and under 4 weeks	Total under 4 weeks	1 and under 3 months	3 and under 6 months	6 and under 9 months	9 and under 12 months	Total Deaths under 1 year
Pnuemonia (all forms)						1	1	1	2	5
Bronchitis						1				1
Congenital Debility) Premature Birth) Malformations. etc.,)	1			1	2					2
TOTALS	1			1	2	2	1	1	2	8

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA.

Attendances at the Diphtheria Immunization Clinic continue to increase in number and many children between the ages of one and five years have been immunized in addition to children of school age. Over 250 have been immunized during the year 1940.

DENTAL TREATMENT.

Dr. Kershaw, Dental Surgeon to the Lancashire County Council, has kindly given advice and treatment to many babies and expectant mothers attending the Child Welfare Centre. The attendances of Royton babies, school children and mothers were 1644.

EMERGENCY SUPPLY OF ANTI-TOXIN.

Diphtheria anti-toxin serum is kept at the Police Station, and supplied in cases of emergency to Medical Practioners in this District upon request at any time.

HOUSING
Statistics for the year 1940.

Number of houses erected during the year :-

(a) Total (including numbers given separately under (b).. 82

(1) By the Local Authority..... 62

(2) By other Local Authorities..... nil

(3) By other bodies or persons..... 20

(b) With State assistance under the Housing Acts :-

(1) By the Local Authority..... 62

(2) By other bodies or persons ..... nil